

**REMARKS**

The undersigned thanks the Examiner for the telephone interview on December 20, 2006 in which the statutory subject matter rejections were discussed. Based upon that interview, it is believed that the above amendments would overcome the rejections.

If any additional matters remain outstanding, the Examiner is requested to telephone the undersigned so that they can be worked out quickly and efficiently.

If any fees or extensions are ever required, please charge to Deposit Account No. 21-0279.

Respectfully submitted,

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